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1. There is a pursuit "battalion" in Kukes which was transferred there from Tirana about early June 1951. These forces move only when word is received that a resistance group is present in the area. Patrolling is carried out only during daylight, during which time civilians are often forced, after being stripped of any weapons, to walk in front of the searching units. The pursuit battalion at Kukes, as well as all other pursuit units, is loyal to Hoxha.

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2. [] about one-fourth of the regular Albanian police are loyal to Hoxha.
3. Within two days after being informed, the Sigurimi¹ extensively searches the area surrounding a village suspected of aiding resistance members.

1. Comment: It is not clear here whether the Sigurimi and pursuit units are operating as separate security forces. 50X1-HUM

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